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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKESHI KUSUDOU ET AL : EXAMINER: DERRINGTON
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 32, beginning at line 1, please replace the paragraph as follows:

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The results in Tables 4A and 4B show that the use of the ceramic-molding binder of the present invention resulted in strength equal to or greater than that obtained with the use of conventional binders when forming green moldings having a relatively simple shape. Particularly during the formation of small green moldings of complex shape, not only was the green formability (compressing properties and mold staining) better, but the resulting green moldings also had better handling properties. There were also far fewer cracks in ceramic sinters obtained upon the sintering of the green moldings, resulting in better yields.--